Clerical and Office Branch
Office Machine Operation Group
Communication Series

COMMUNICATION DISPATCHER II

07/00 (LBT)

Summary

Under direction, monitor and respond to radio transmissions from field personnel and telephone calls from general public, security cameras and alarm systems.

Typical Duties

Respond to crash phone emergency transmissions, radio transmissions and telephone calls. Involves: receiving and responding to crash phone calls from the Air Traffic Control Tower; notifying emergency response personnel and routing resources to an aircraft emergency; receiving and responding to radio requests from field units for address verifications and procedures for handling situations, problems, and emergencies; relaying information from field crews to maintenance section supervisors concerning mechanical malfunctions; establishing priorities; scheduling response to problems, such as, water main or sewage line breaks, and unique problems encountered by field personnel; notifying field personnel of complaints and assignments; receiving incoming telephone calls from general public and responding to questions on water utility or airport policies, billing procedures and charges, complaints, etc.; transferring callers to designated persons within department.

Monitor security, security cameras and alarm systems. Involves: monitoring computerized Access Control System (ACS); dispatching personnel to areas where unauthorized access is attempted; issuing badges for authorized personnel; observing premises through security monitors and checking alarms; notifying security of discrepancies; patrolling assigned areas to activate alarms and ensure doors are secured; issuing keys to authorized personnel and verifying timely retrieval; issuing pagers and radios to departmental personnel as needed.

Assist with administrative or other functions. Involves: coordinating activities of work crews; preparing reports; maintaining activity logs; updating maps, street locator guides, emergency call rosters and personnel telephone listings; setting up and assisting in required security training; dispatching shuttle buses and confirming drivers are available; monitoring drivers breaks to ensure continuity of service; maintaining the Airport lost and found desk and storage area; typing, filing, and performing other clerical work; testifying in court.

Perform related incidental duties contributing to realization of unit or team objectives as required. Includes: substituting for supervisor or coworkers as qualified and within authorized limits by carrying out specified functions to maintain continuity of ordinary operations, if delegated; providing designated support for projects or activities overseen by higher-grades, non-supervisory personnel as instructed; explaining and demonstrating work performed to assist supervisor in orienting and training less knowledgeable employees; engaging in assignments pertaining to functions of other positions for training purposes under general supervision; maintaining awareness of occupationally related technological, legal, and methodological developments; logging activities; preparing and submitting recurring or special status reports; keeping tools, equipment and work area orderly, safe and clean.

Minimum Qualifications

<u>Training and Experience:</u> Graduation from high school or G.E.D. plus three (3) years general work experience, including one (1) year operating radio communication equipment and one (1) year public contact; or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

<u>Knowledge</u>, <u>Skills and Abilities</u>: Some knowledge of: office practices and procedures; City streets, intersections and geographical layouts; telephone procedures; use and care of two-way radio communication equipment; rules and regulations pertaining to radio dispatching.

Ability to: express oral directions and information quickly and precisely in a clear and effective manner; respond to public's questions accurately, tactfully and courteously; follow oral and written instructions; follow a series of procedural steps; view security monitors and quickly identify irregularities; establish and maintain effective working relationships with fellow employees, officials and the general public; express oneself clearly and concisely both orally and in writing; perform basic arithmetic computations; work under pressure; make sound decisions; maintain logs and files and prepare reports; speak and understand English and Spanish.

Skill in the safe operation and care of: office equipment; Personal Computer and network workstation; radio dispatch equipment; security cameras; video taping equipment; telephone consoles; motor vehicle.

<u>Physical Effort & Work Environment</u>: Sitting for long periods of time; standing, walking, and moving; lifting and moving items up to 20 pounds; driving a motor vehicle through City traffic.

<u>Licenses and Certificates</u>: Texas class "C" driver's license or equivalent from another state.

Special Requirements: Subject to call back, working rotating shifts, flexible hours, weekends, holidays, and extended hours.

